

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
4:30pm, Tuesday, October 10, 2023
City Council Conference Room/ZOOM

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AGENDA

- I. Call to order, welcome guest(s)**
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
- III. Approval of September 2023 minutes**
- IV. Citizen Comment/Suggestions**
- V. Reports**
 - A. Director Report
 - B. Budget Report
 - C. Friends of the Library Report
- VI. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Library Anniversary Event Planning- January 20, 2024
 - i. Program ideas
- VII. New Business**
 - A. Book Challenges Process
- VIII. Upcoming Programs/Events**
 - Oct. 5 Solar Eclipse Program with Bruce Palmquist, 6pm, HH
 - Oct. 6 Noon Lunch Concert, 12pm, HH
 - Oct. 9 Library Book Club, 3:00pm, HH
 - Oct. 11 Puzzle Competition, 5:30pm, HH
 - Oct. 21 FOL Upstairs Book Sale, 9am-3pm, HH
 - Oct. 26 Audubon: Pygmy Odyssey, 7pm, HH
 - Oct. 31 Children's Halloween Storytime, 10:30am
- IX. Unscheduled Business**

Next regular meeting will be November 14, 2023
Location: City Council Conference Room and ZOOM

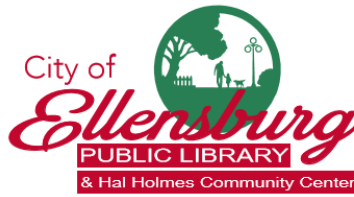


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Date of Meeting:

Time of Meeting:

Place of Meeting:



LIBRARY BOARD

September 12, 2023

4:30 p.m.

City Council Chamber

Marty Blackson, Chair, term expires December 31, 2027

Loretta Gray, Secretary, term expires December 31, 2027

Mary Holmgren, term expires December 31, 2026

Andreina Delgado, term expires December 31, 2023

Melina Meador, term expires December 31, 2024

Andrea Sledge, term expires December 31, 2026

Mary James, term expires December 31, 2027

I. CALL TO ORDER

Gray called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Andreina Delgado, Loretta Gray, Mary Holmgren, Mary James, Melina Meador, Andrea Sledge

COUNCIL LIASON: Sarah Beauchamp

ABSENT: Marty Blackson

VISITORS: None

STAFF: Josephine Camarillo

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Holmgren to approve the agenda, motion seconded, **motion approved**. Motion passed 6-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by James to approve the July 2023 minutes, motion seconded, **motion approved**. Motion passed 6-0.

V. CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZEN COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Patrons at the fair commented that they loved the library.

VI. REPORTS

A. Director's Report for August and September: (1) Sarita Dasgupta is the new Library Assistant/Circulation, and J'aime Wells is the new Library Assistant/Substitute. (2) Adult Services has been busy with events (including the Adult Summer Reading Program), hiring, training, outreach, and computers. (3) Technical Services continues to both add and delete items from the collection. Regina has been correcting records on Enterprise. (4) Youth Services had a successful Summer Reading Program, Lego Day, and Art Day. (5) Hal Holmes held 59 events in July and 57 events in August (a mix of private, non-profit, and sponsored). (8) Overall, circulation is up since June and up since 2022 YTD. The total number of cardholders is 16,543. (9) Staff from the Library attended Bulldog Day at Morgan Middle School.

B. Budget Report: The budget as of August 31, 2023, is on track.

C. Friends of the Library Report: There is a book sale on Saturday, September 16.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Library discussed whether the Board could hold a Library Anniversary Event. In 2024, it could be held on January 20, the date the first library opened in 1910.

IX. UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

For September, the following have been scheduled: (1) Library Book Club meeting, (2) Spanish/English Convo Club, (3) Children's storytime, (4) Friends of the Library meeting and book sale, and (5) Merit: Let's Talk Addiction.

X. UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

A. The Library discussed a proposed ballot initiative in Dayton, Washington, that would end the library district for Columbia County.

XI. NEXT MEETING

October 10, 2023

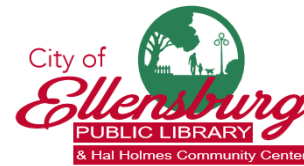
XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, meeting adjourned by Gray at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Gray, Secretary

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT

TO: Library Board, Assistant City Manager/City Attorney
 FROM: Josephine Camarillo, Library Director
 DATE: October 2023



Meetings: Staff, Supervisors, Kittitas County Regional Library Board, City Attorney, Morning Rotary

Director:

Library has new online database called Educate Station that provides ready-to-use, hands-on activities for kids to do at home or at school. This was recommended by our homeschool community. This database has replaced AtoZ Food in which the library no longer subscribes to it. KCRLB will be presenting our budget request to the County on October 26, 2023 at 10am.

Adult Services:

Pyper and RJ are looking forward to a new team member! RJ attended the 2023 WLA Neurodivergence and Libraries Summit. He also worked with Mike McCloskey's English History class from Morgan Middle School on their local history research project. Pyper began training J'aime Wells for substituting in Reference and continued to train with Regina on Collection Development: Donations. Pyper and Regina are also working together to update the Baker and Taylor Automatically Yours List. There were 180 Database visits over the month of September.

Technical Services: 494 physical items added, 1060 physical items deleted during the last month.

Youth Services:

We are back to the fall busy-ness with the after-school influx of middle schoolers and morning Storytimes & Baby Bounce. Sophia is refining her storytime skills on Wednesdays. We are almost finished with the inventory and weeding of the JNF collection. Many of these books have been freshly cleaned, mended and/or fixed up with a new mylar cover. The deleted items will be part of the Friends of the Library book sale! 😊

Hal Holmes: 47 events total: 2 Private event; 5 Non-Profit events; 40 sponsored

In September Hal Holmes kicked off the 2023-24 season hosting space for our sponsored groups including STREAM, Audubon and KC Pride. The Spanish Conversation Club is seeing an increase in participants up to 25 people in the weekly class. The final 'Let's Talk Addiction' community forum working with Merit resources. HopeSource began a 4 part monthly workshop assisting community members with budgeting and housing. The Ellensburg Big Band began twice monthly dance lessons and dance, and they will be a reoccurring paid group and it may lead to an eventual community dance and Big Band festival in the future.

Circulation:

Circulation Statistics	23-Sep	23-Aug	% chg	22-Sep	% chg	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	% chg
Physical Items	10097	12038	-17%	9802	3%	94093	90383	4%
Electronic Items	4644	4753	-2%	3861	17%	40715	32721	20%
TOTAL	14741	16,791	-14%	13663	7%	134808	123104	9%

Library Visits: 8523

New Cardholders: 135

Total Cardholders: 16,673